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What does this week hold for France?

On the homestretch to Christmas now.

Again the nation waits by a sick-bed at Washington.

These local robberies of mail carts and mail bags must be stopped.

There is a grateful pause in the legends about that Montana statue.

INGALLS's latest is that the Republican party is without leaders or hope. Does the ex-Senator feel that he could make up either lack?

Beyond the \$2,000 mark, and still soaring. But THE EVENING WORLD Christmas Tree Fund should get a record-breaking boom this week.

THE EVENING WORLD gave the first news of the America's Cup's first assured defender. Good speed to Mr. Ronson's new Herreshoff sailer!

Hamburg, it appears, did not learn the lesson well from its Summer visitation of cholera. The scourge finds this time as ready an entrance as before.

If the law had done its duty by the Marquis de Moncey, after he killed Capt. Mervin in France, the Marquis would not have been at liberty to engage in the duel which has now resulted in his own severe wounding.

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The Little Comedienne Captures the Prize Fox-Terrier.

But She Will Let Valentine, the Sick Boy, Have Him.

The Christmas-Tree Fund Nearly \$2,200 To-Day.

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The American, National, United States and Western Express Companies will convey all packages of twenty-five pounds weight and under, addressed us above, free of charge.

The New York Transfer Company (Dodd's Express) will transfer for delivery packages free of charge on notification.

This is Christmas week and THE EVENING WORLD extends to all its readers the compliments of the holiday season.

Trim your fireplace with Christmas greens. Put a wreath of holly in the window and a branch of mistletoe in the doorway. Twine the chandler with box and the picture of the face you love with silk and get ready to celebrate Santa Claus Day. After the tokens of affection have been prepared for the dear ones give humanity a thought and let some good be accomplished for the common cause of Christmas.

A Hackensack woman, who thought she saw two bears crawling into her house in the dark, was intensely relieved when it proved to be only a couple of burglars with one ready revolver. Very often first and terrible fears might be an easily dispelled, as in this case by little calm awaiting of developments.

MANHATTAN ATHLETIC SUED.

Note for \$700 Protested and an Open Account for \$1,083.

Two suits against the Manhattan Athletic Club have been instituted to-day by Samuel F. Wadsworth, attorney for the members.

Among the day, in the morning, the president presiding, in the City Court Saturday afternoon, and a process-server was sent to the club-house the same day. The Club has six days in which to return an answer.

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